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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Jeffrey A. Giacomel

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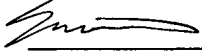
Before examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows

Cancel claims 12-19.

Respectfully submitted,

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